

FRIENDS FORUM

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Holiday Book Boutique 2008



Mark your calendars. This year's Holiday Boutique begins Monday, December 1 at the Carlsbad City (Dove) Library's Friends Bookstore. The sale will feature new and nearly new books including children's books, fiction, history, biographies, cookbooks, holiday and coffee table books, all at a fraction of what they can be bought for elsewhere.

The Book Boutique will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM on December 1 and 2 and from 10 AM to 4 PM thereafter. The sale will continue until the books are sold out. For the very best selections, come early.

Library Learning Center Off and Running



August 23 Ribbon Cutting.

Photo by Bill Richmond

The Carlsbad City Library Learning Center held its grand opening Saturday, August 23. It officially opened its doors the following week and was an immediate success. During that last week in August, 445 patrons visited the center and that was just the beginning. In September, more than 3100 people took advantage of this wonderful resource.

According to Carrie Scott, the Literacy Coordinator, the level of activity in the Learning Center has been exciting for the staff, volunteers and patrons of all ages. Pre-schoolers enjoy story time six times a week, school-age children are benefiting from homework assistance, and the adult literacy program already has 72 pairs working together three hours a week.

Additionally, the Learning Center is offering children and adult computer labs, a partnership with Carlsbad High School to provide tutoring for special education students, an adult learner book club and other special programs. The Learning Center is indeed making a difference in the community.

Despite the excitement the Library Learning Center has generated, more volunteers are needed. There are currently more learners than tutors. If you are interested in tutoring, training will be provided and hours are flexible. Additionally, volunteer greeters are also needed. The greeters admit tutors and learners to the building before and after hours. If you want more information on either opportunity call the Learning Center at 931-4510.



Patrons enjoy new Learning Center.

Photo by Ken Howard

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From Our Library Director...

With the opening of the Learning Center (we just can't thank the Friends enough for funding the events of the day!), the Library has begun the process of looking forward to priorities for the next fiscal year. We do so in an increasingly unsure economic environment, punctuated by continuing threats to funding from the State for library materials and literacy support, and local revenues are being carefully analyzed as this goes to print. It's clear that we'll be adjusting our expectations for accomplishing new initiatives as we learn more about the impacts of a broad economic downturn. Now more than ever, we appreciate all that the Friends do to continuously support programs and services.

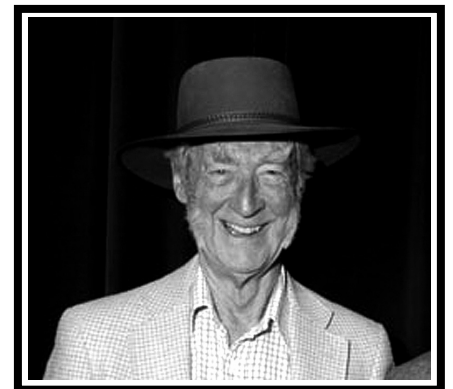


During difficult economic times, libraries are heavily used as budgets tighten and dollars are stretched. Libraries are also increasingly serving as a community gathering place, a safe place for children and teens, and a haven when times are tough. Thanks to the Friends, storytimes and teen programs will continue to be available. And the first ever holiday program at the Learning Center as well as a holiday concert at the Cole Library will bring some much needed cheer to the upcoming season. These are some of the ways that you make a difference in your community.

Heather Pizzuto, Library Director

The Prez Sez...

The big event of this past quarter was the Annual Book Sale on the Corner. All unsold books for the past year go on sale at really low prices. Maureen Tracy, our longtime manager of Cole Book Sales has been under the weather for a while, although she did a lot of prep work before the October 4 event. Her long time helper Nikki Robinson took over, and aided by the president, set up the operation. Sales were a little lower this year, and with the amount of work that goes into the event, we are considering making changes. More later.



The regular meeting of the Board was held on September 18 at the Cole meeting room. We heard reports on the usual business, including a report from Cole Deputy Library Director, Suzanne Smithson, on the operations at the Learning Center. If you haven't seen it yet, don't miss it. A great addition to the Library.

The Board also heard a report from the Finance Committee, who had received a request from the Library Director, Heather Pizzuto, for funds to provide for the 2009 Children's Summer Reading Program. The Board voted \$48,324 to fund these programs.

Arthur Wood, Friends President

Book Sale-On-The-Corner

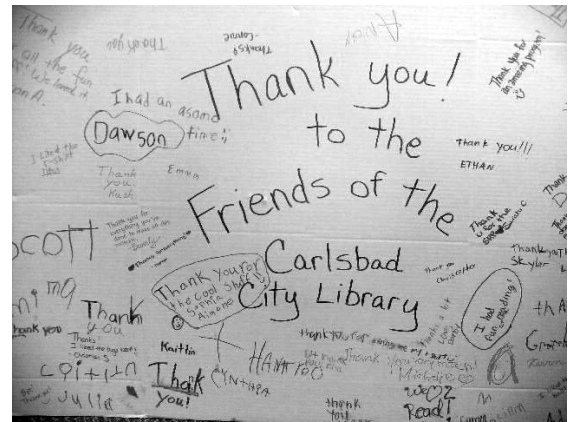
The Friends of the Carlsbad Library held its annual Book Sale On-The-Corner on Saturday, October 4. The sale began at 9AM although the crowds began to form as early as 8AM. According to Nikki Robinson, the event's sales coordinator, thousands of books were donated covering fiction, biographies, history, travel, hobbies, children's books and the arts. No book was priced over \$.50 and all proceeds, of course, benefited the Carlsbad City Library.

To have a successful book sale requires a legion of dedicated workers. These books don't magically appear at 9AM on a Saturday morning. There are hours of preparation, setting up tables, transporting the books, staffing the book sale and then at day's end tearing it all down. It is a Herculean effort. On behalf of the Friends and the Library, a million thanks to Nikki and all her volunteers.

Summer Reading Thanks

The Library wanted to share a thank-you letter from the Meiner Family, since the Friends support helps make the Summer Reading Program (SRP) a success.

"Thank you for a fabulous summer reading program! From the Swazzle puppet show to the end-of-SRP party with Craig Newton and his array of interesting instruments, we enjoyed all of the activities at the library this summer ... The volunteers were friendly and the prizes were fun. We are also grateful for the generous gifts of a library SRP t-shirt and the Border's gift certificate.



Thank you card from SPR participants.

Most of all, we thank you for making it so fun to Catch the Reading Bug this summer! We realize that the summer reading program is the result of so much behind-the-scenes effort; yet you all make it seem so effortless. Thank you ... Our entire family loves to read and we are so grateful to the Carlsbad City Library for helping, in so many ways, to foster our joy in exploring good literature."

Staff Recommendations: An Eclectic List of New Books

by Susan Simpson, Head of Collection Development and Acquisitions

Ancient World At War edited by Philip de Souza

Art of the Handmade Quilt by Nancy Brennan Daniel

Baby's Day Out in Southern California: Fun Places to Go With Babies and Toddlers by Jo Bea Holt

Capturing Memories: Your Family Story in Photographs by Maureen A. Taylor

Child's Garden: 60 Ideas to Make Any Garden Come Alive for Children by Molly Dannenmaier

China: Getting Rich First: a Modern Social History by Duncan Hewitt

Easy Green Living by Renee Loux

Success with Sun-Loving Plants by Graham Clarke

What the Nose Knows: the Science of Scent in Everyday Life by Avery Gilbert

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